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1. 5 OCT [ ] (b)(3) DISCUSSED MERTEN STORY WITH HAMBURGER ECHO CHIEF EDITOR HANS HENRICH. HE VERY CAREFUL CHOOSING HIS WORDS. HE CLAIMED RAN STORY BECAUSE OF CONNECTION TO CURRENT MARBACH CASE IN KIEL, AND STORY ALSO DESIGNED FORCE GREEKS MAKE LONG DELAYED TURN-OVER MERTEN FILES TO GERMAN AUTHORITIES SO MERTEN COULD CLEAR NAME BEFORE GERMAN COURT. EDITOR DISCLAIMED ANY INTENT SHOOT AT GLOBKE OR GREEKS. HE ADMITTED HE HAD NOT SEEN ALLEGED PHOTO OF MERTEN WITH "UNCLE CONSTANTINE" BUT INSISTED HE KNEW IT EXISTED. SAID STORY WRITTEN BY KLAUS MENZEL, ECHO STAFFER who sees of Merten ~~(PRTN GBED BEING SVGD)~~ Social Democrat Bundestag Deputy WALTER MENZEL, based party on material supplied BY MERTENS LAWYER POSSER. ABOVE

O.K. PASS [ ]. (b)(3)

2. FYI, EDITOR SAID HE UNDERSTOOD GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE HAD DOCUMENTARY PROOF COLLABORATION "THESE GREEKS" WITH GERMAN OCCUPATION, SUCH AS RECEIPTS FOR PAYMENTS.

3. FYI. AS YOU KNOW, WE PROVIDING [ ] WITH BACKGROUND (b)(3) MATERIAL ON POSSER AND SOME NEUTRALIST AND COMMUNIST FRONT

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ELEMENTS POSSER IN TOUCH WITH. HOWEVER AS YET NO HARD EVIDENCE, DESPITE UPHILL SPECULATION REF B, Merten story result ~~(PRTY GOLD)~~ IMXRRXZRXRXRXXXXXXXNXMMMXXRRXX COMMUNIST INPRIRED PLOT. HEINEMANN, POSSER AND THEIR FRIENDS UNDOUBTEDLY WELCOMED CHANCE SHOOT AT ~~(PRTY GOLD)~~ ADENAUER Government and at Rightist Greek GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER PLAUSIBLE CASE CAN BE MADE FOR THEORY THAT MAIN REASONS FOR SURFACING STORY WERE MERTENS ANGER AT GERMAN AND GREEK AUTHORITIES, DESIRE RESTORE REPUTATION, AND FACT MAKES EXCELLENT COPY IN VIEW OF CURRENT MARBACH CASE WHICH LATEST OF NUMBER "WAR CRIMINALS" EXPOSED IN SCHLESWIG HOLSTEIN GOVERNMENT IN RECENT MONTHS. SINCE MOST OF ALLEGED WAR CRIMINALS CONNECTED WITH CDU GOVERNMENT AND RIGHTIST PARTIES, ISSUE IS NATURAL FOR SPD AND THEY TRYING TO MAKE MOST OF IT. ABOVE FOR YOUR BACKGROUND USE IN DISCUSSING CASE WITH [redacted]. (b)(3)

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